



Life's Little Treasures Foundation

Family Assistance Program

Supporting Families with a Sick or Premature Baby in Hospital Neonatal Care

Thank you for interest in the Life's Little Treasures Foundation Family Assistance Program. Our Family Assistance Program is open to applications from social workers and other hospital staff on behalf of patient families who meet the application criteria.

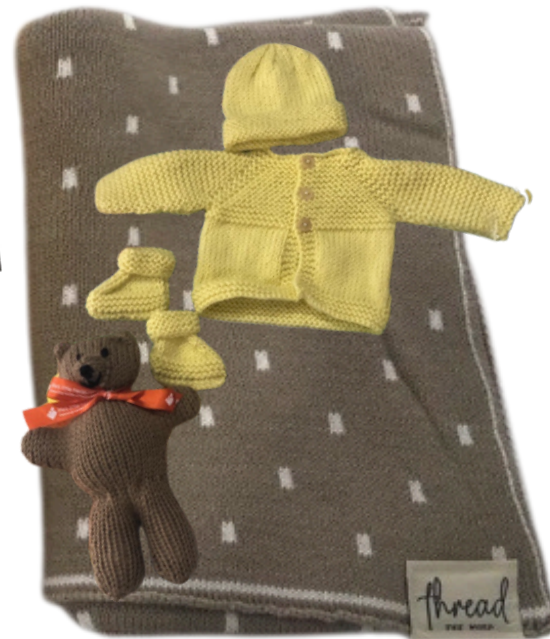
We are pleased to present you with the following information and encourage you to save the links provided for our online form for use when you are submitting an application on behalf of the families you care for.



Keeping Families Together

Having a baby in hospital long term or located far away from home can mean that parents are not only dealing with the stress of caring for a baby in hospital but are also having to manage the financial pressures associated with travel, accommodation, and food in order to spend precious time with their baby.

We are proud to offer the Life's Little Treasures Foundation Family Assistance Program - a program which provides parents with financial assistance in the form of a \$100 EFTPOS voucher to ease some of their pressures and allow them to concentrate on spending their time cot-side, bonding and caring for their baby.



This voucher is included with a beautifully presented care package, including items for baby that have been lovingly handmade by our Craft Connections community of crafters and information for families.



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Application Process

Who can apply?

Hospital social worker or nominated health professional via our website.

Any conditions to meet?

Minimum of three of the following must be met:

Criteria

Baby/babies must be currently admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in an Australian tertiary hospital only.

The family is experiencing significant financial pressure because of the circumstances of their baby's early or unexpected hospital admission, such as:

- a parent or parents having to cease work earlier than expected
- the temporary relocation of the family to be closer to baby and hospital and the associated accommodation costs
- unplanned travel expenses (public or private transport costs)
- hospital or council parking fees

Baby was born prematurely at 30 weeks or earlier and requires an extended hospital admission (6 weeks or more).

Baby was born with a major health complication requiring an extended hospital admission (6 weeks or more).

Families have expressed concerns regarding financial pressure that is related to baby's hospital admission. This program is designed to support families who have been deemed ineligible (or are not yet eligible) for other interim crisis support and governmental support programs during their baby's hospital admission.

Application Link:

Please access the online form for LLTF's Family Assistance Program via the link www.lifeslittletreasures.org.au/family-assistance-program-2



* Please do not share this link with families directly - applications for the Family Assistance Program must be made by hospital staff referral only.

Reach out to our friendly team to secure Family Assistance for the families you care for.

